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RELATING TO
UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS UPON AQUATIC LIFE

BY

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INTRODUCTION

The papers which are included in this bibliography contain data on the harmful effects of algicides, insecticides, and weedicides on aquatic organisms other than those which they were designed to control. A bibliography published in 1953¹ by the U. S. Public Health Service, lists pertinent articles on the effectiveness of various chemicals for the control of algae and the higher aquatic plants.

The use of insecticides, weedicides, and algicides has increased many fold during the past decade. Each year thousands of tons of these materials are used, and each year they are more widely used. Very often these materials are broadcast without much consideration of their overall toxic effects and without knowledge of their direct or indirect effects on aquatic life.

Algicides, insecticides and weedicides perform an important and essential function. It is the intent of this publication, not to discourage their use but rather to enable those who use these economic poisons to minimize or eliminate their damages to aquatic life by profiting from the experience of others as set forth in the papers cited.

It is especially pertinent at this time that such data as are now available on the toxicity of the newer insecticides, weedicides and algicides be called to the attention of those engaged in public health, water supply, water pollution, and various agricultural programs. It is hoped that this bibliography will meet the need by supplying a concise, annotated list of papers dealing with the toxicity to aquatic life of the various materials now being used.

Those working in water pollution control programs are confronted with a real problem through the widespread use for agricultural purposes of certain pesticides which are extremely toxic to fish. Heavy rains following the application of some of these materials have resulted in runoff water toxic to fish, and extensive kills have occurred in several areas.^{2, 3, 4}

Another aspect of the problem is that in the use of algicides and weedicides, the destructive action may be delayed or indirect and thus might not be attributed to the control chemicals. The decay of algae and higher plants killed by control agents can initiate a cycle of events that may lead, under certain conditions, to the lowering of dissolved oxygen to critical levels which may result in the death of fish and fish food organisms. The bacterial decomposition of algae and aquatic weeds uses up the dissolved oxygen in the water and under such a condition a fish kill may result.

In selecting references for inclusion in this bibliography preference was given to the ones that are readily available to those working in water pollution and water treatment. Because copper sulfate, sodium arsenite, DDT, and 2, 4-D have been available for a longer

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period, the selected references dealing with these compounds are more numerous and may appear overly weighted when compared with but a few references on aldrin, toxaphene, lindane, and parathion. This should not be construed to mean that the latter chemicals are necessarily less destructive to aquatic life, but only that little as yet has been reported on their toxicities.

A scheme using master keys has been prepared for each of the main sections of this bibliography, namely, Algicides, Insecticides, and Weedicides. These master keys list by number the control chemicals and all organisms referred to in the papers included in the bibliography. Thus, by the use of these keys one can quickly select all papers dealing with a specific control chemical or all those giving data on the effects of such chemicals on certain organisms.

For investigators who may be called upon to bioassay algicides, insecticides, and weedicides, a section on bioassay references is included.

REFERENCES ON UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS OF ALGICIDES

MASTER KEY TO REFERENCED ALGICIDES

Organic Algicides

1. 2, 3- dichloronaphthoquinone
2. Dehydroabietylamine acetate
3. RADA (Rosin amine D acetate)

Inorganic Algicides

4. Chlorine
5. Copper paints
6. Copper silicate
7. Copper sulfate

MASTER KEY TO REFERENCED ORGANISMS DESTRUCTIVELY AFFECTED BY ALGICIDES

1. Aquatic plants (flowering-weeds)
2. Crustacea
3. Fish
4. Insects
5. Invertebrates (unnamed)
6. Mollusks
7. Worms
8. Zooplankton
9. Miscellaneous organisms (terminology of references):
 - a. Fish food organisms
 - b. Bottom organisms

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MASTER KEY TO REFERENCED INSECTICIDES

Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Insecticides

1. Aldrin (Octalene)
2. BHC
3. BHC-DDT mixture
4. Chlordane (Chlordan)
5. DDD (Rothane WP-50 and Rothane S-215;TDE)
6. DDT
7. DFDT
8. Dieldrin (Octalox)
9. Lindane* (Gammexane)
10. Methoxychlor
11. Toxaphene

Organic Phosphate Insecticides

12. Parathion
13. TEPP

Organic Insecticides of Botanical Origin

14. Pyrethrins
15. Rotenone

Copper Insecticides

16. Paris Green

MASTER KEY TO REFERENCED ORGANISMS DESTRUCTIVELY AFFECTED BY INSECTICIDES

1. Algae (attached)
2. Aquatic plants (flowering weeds)
3. Crustacea
4. Fish
5. Insects (other than nuisance forms)
6. Invertebrates (unnamed)
7. Mollusks
8. Phytoplankton
9. Worms
10. Zooplankton
11. Miscellaneous organisms (terminology of references):
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 - b. Bottom organisms
 - c. Plankton

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MASTER KEY TO REFERENCED WEEDICIDES

Organic Weedicides

1. 2-methyl-4 chlorophenoxyacetic acid
2. 2, 4-D
3. 2, 4, 5-T
4. Benoclor
5. Benoclor-3
6. Chloroben
7. Hydrocarbons (as used in references as a general term to refer to more than one such compound)
8. I P C
9. Nigrosine dyes
10. T B P
11. T C A
12. Trichlorobenzene (as used in references without referral to a trade name such as Benoclor)

Inorganic Weedicides

13. Ammate (Ammonium sulfamate)
14. Sodium arsenite

MASTER KEY TO REFERENCED ORGANISMS DESTRUCTIVELY AFFECTED BY WEEDICIDES

1. Algae (attached)
2. Crustacea
3. Fish
4. Insects
5. Invertebrates (unnamed)
6. Mollusks
7. Phytoplankton
8. Worms
9. Zooplankton
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4. 2, 4, 5-T (2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid)
5. Aldrin (Compound 118; Octalene; 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 10-hexa-
chloro-1:4, 5:8-diendomethano-1, 4, 4a, 5, 8,
8a-hexahydronaphthalene)
6. Ammate (Ammonium sulfamate)

7. Benoclor (Chlorinated benzenes, as mono-*d*₁ and trichloro-benzene)
8. Benoclor-3 (see 7)
9. B H C (Benzene hexachloride, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6- hexachloro-cyclohexane)
10. B H C-D D T mixture (see 9 and 18)
11. Chlordane (Technical chlordane (U. S. Dept. Agriculture) or chlordan (Amer. Chem. Soc.); Compound 1068; 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8-octachloro-4, 7-methano-3a, 4, 7, 7a-tetrahydroindane and related dicyclopentadiene derivatives; Velsicol 1068)
12. Chlorine
13. Chloroben (See 7)
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15. Copper silicate
16. Copper sulfate
17. D D D (*p, p*)-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane; T D E, 1, 1-bis (*p*-chlorophenyl)-2, 2-dichloroethane; Rothane W P-50 as a wettable powder; Rothane S-215 as an oil solution)
18. D D T (2, 2-bis (*p* chlorophenyl)-1, 1, 1-trichloroethane; dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane)
19. Dehydroabietylamine acetate
20. D F D T (2, 2-bis (*p* fluorophenyl)-1, 1, 1-trichloroethane)
21. Dieldrin (6, 7-epoxy derivative of aldrin; compound 497; Octalox)
22. Hydrocarbons (General term of authors of various references, including such compounds cited here, as for example numbers: 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 20, 21)
23. I P C (o-isopropyl N-phenyl carbamate)
24. Lindane (Purified preparations of B H C (see 9) which contain not less than 99% of the gamma isomer of B H C are now given the name Lindane; Gammexane)
25. Methoxychlor (Methoxy analogue of D D T, namely 2, 2-bis (*p*-methoxyphenyl)-1, 1, 1-trichloroethane; Marlate; Ortho-tox; Methoxyide)
26. Nigrosine Dyes (A group of black or deep blue aniline dyes obtained by oxidation of aniline and its homologues)
27. Parathion (o, o-diethyl-o-*p*-nitrophenyl thiophosphate; E-605)
28. Paris Green (Copper acetoarsenite; Schweinfürter green)
29. Pyrethrins
30. R A D A (Rosin Amine D Acetate)
31. Rotenone (Derris)
32. Sodium arsenite
33. T B P (Tributylphosphate)
34. T C A (Trichloroacetic acid)
35. T E P P (Tetraethyl pyrophosphate; Bladan; Pyro Phos; Baldex F-2; Vapotone; Fosvex 40 per cent T E P P; Tetron-100; Nifos T; Hexamite)
36. Toxaphene (chlorinated camphene; Compound 3956; Penacide; Gy-phene 40; Emtox 45; Toxadust; Penphene)
37. Tributylphosphate (see 35)

